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Mr. M. C. Hughes, President
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Dear Mr. Hughes:

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), would like to, once again, officially recognize Sebastian C. Tindall for his outstanding contributions to RL's environmental cleanup mission.

Mr. Tindall's technical acumen and vision have been the primary force behind our realization of the Hanford Data Quality Objectives (DQO) implementation model, and the growth of this effort into the National DQO Implementation Program under the Office of Safety, Health, and Security, Environmental Management (EM)-5, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Headquarters. Sebastian's creativeness and energy have resulted in an outstanding DQO implementation program, the tools, and techniques, which have been recognized by many as state of the art. Sebastian's keen grasp of the scientific method and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 7-Step Data Quality Objectives process, coupled with his appreciation for project needs, have enabled us to construct a method of systematic planning that achieves defensible results, in a cost effective and timely manner. This is a success story we all can take great pride in. Clearly, the RL Environmental Restoration Projects lead the nation in the performance and documentation of DQO processes, and our success is a direct consequence of Mr. Tindall's leadership in pursuit of the DOE objective to institutionalize systematic planning for environmental decision-making throughout the DOE complex via the DQO Process.

We commend Mr. Tindall's for his exceptional managerial skills. Over the past six years, he has demonstrated exemplary leadership through coordinating Bechtel Hanford, Inc. staff, and subcontracts/subcontractors on numerous projects supporting the EM cleanup mission, including the DQO implementation program, DQO training program, Data Quality assessment program, Residual Radioactivity implementation, the Radiological Release Program for Real and Non-Real Property, and the Onsite Measurement program. Mr. Tindall has also been essential in engaging EM-5 and EPA as co-funding partners in our DQO implementation program, key events contributing to its growth.

We laud Mr. Tindall for his outstanding teaching abilities. His knowledge, energy, communicative skill, and passion for instruction have been instrumental to the success of the EM-5 DQO training program.

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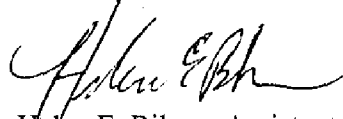
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Finally, he is to be commended for constantly seeking ways to improve our processes and to reduce both the time and costs involved in the environmental restoration contract.

We at RL appreciate and look forward to the opportunity to continue to work with Mr. Tindall. We are confident that his ongoing support will keep RL and BHI at the forefront of defensible, cost effective environmental cleanup.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Helen E. Bilson".

Helen E. Bilson, Assistant Manager
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